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1. Cottbus (A57), 10-12 December 1948

- a. Aircraft: fifteen PE-3, eight fighters believed to be YAK-3.
- b. An air force regiment cleared the field, 4-6 December, and is alleged to have been distributed through the Dresden-Bautzen-Görlitz region. Cottbus was occupied a few days later by a new unit commanded by Col Vereshninski. Strength is estimated at 800-1,000 men, many of whom are engaged in repairing the field.
- c. The concrete runway is 1,500 meters long and is being extended an additional 300 meters southeast.
- d. No fuel dump was seen. Aircraft were fueled directly from tank trucks, two of which were in the E 5-33 series. An ammunition dump occupies the northeast corner of the field. Aircraft are parked north of the field in a clearing cut into the woods. Two personnel carriers running between the field and the town bore licenses in the E 5-33 and E 5-39 series.

2. Finsterwalde (A15), 28 November

- a. A squadron of PE-3's arrived in late November, allegedly from Werneuchen. A local resident states that Cottbus personnel are sent to this field for additional fighter training.

- b. Vehicles at the field: E 5-32, E 5-34, E 5-35, E 5-38 series.

3. Parow (P45), 17 November

No seaplanes were observed. The field was re-occupied in late November and is being used by a unit of PE-3 aircraft. Training flights of three to nine planes are made regularly. Aircraft remain aloft for approximately two hours. Bomb drops (50 kg) are made from an altitude of 800 meters.

4. Germendorf (Z67), 13 November

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Approximately seventy PE-3 and an unknown number of PO-2 planes are being used for training.

5. Techentin (T53), 12 November

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which maintains active courier service with Neuruppin. There are no air force units at the field, though it is in good condition and suitable for fighters. Grass strip, direction-finder, and border and obstacle lights are all intact.

6. Bindersleben (J26), 12 November

Unoccupied. The last Soviet troops departed on 10 November, said to be bound for Cottbus and Finsterwalde. Runway and all buildings are intact and in good condition.

7. Erfurt-Nord (J37), 12 November

This field, which was completely demolished, is now being farmed.

8. Nordhausen (DL2), 1 November

Troops leaving this field in late October demolished or removed all installations, down to underground pipelines. Grass areas are being converted into truck gardens. Five barracks are being repaired; it is rumored that these are to be occupied in future by paramilitary police.

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